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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER ON ECPC

DURING MY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER STROUGAL, I ASKED HIM FOR HIS VIEWS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF ECPC. STROUGAL SAID HE THOUGHT WESTERN OBSERVERS HAD OVEREMPHASIZED DISAGREEMENTS, AND HAD UNDERPLAYED BASIC POSITIVE THRUST OF CONFERENCE AND ITS ENDORSEMENT OF DETENTE AND SOCIAL PROGRESS. NEVERTHELESS, STROUGAL SAID, IT IS TRUE THAT THERE WERE DISAGREEMENTS, AND THAT THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IS GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF CHANGE, AS INDEED THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATS, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, AND LABOR PARTIES ARE. HE DID NOT THINK IT UNHEALTHY THAT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION VOICED IN BERLIN, AND EXPECTED THAT "IN TWO YEARS" DISCUSSION OF SUCH DIFFERENCES MIGHT BE SHARPER.

2. COMMENT: STROUGAL DID NOT ELABORATE ON "TWO YEARS"

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REFERENCE, AND CIRCUMSTANCES DID NOT PERMIT ME TO

PURSUE IT. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY LIGHT ADDRESSES
MIGHT BE ABLE TO SHED. COULD THIS PERHAPS BE INDICATION THAT
PLANNING FOR A WORLD CONFERENCE HAS BEGUN OR THAT ANOTHER ECPC
IS PROJECTED FOR 1978?
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